

# CALL ROXIE STINSON IN BRIBE CASE

## Government Plans Surprise; Defense Turns to Merton

Richard Merton, German millionaire, who came to this country as the government's star witness in the trial in Federal Court of Harry M. Daugherty and Col. Thomas W. Miller on a charge of conspiracy, has apparently been seized upon by the defense as an important "hope."

Merton required all day yesterday to tell his story. Cross-examination on the major points of his testimony will be resumed Monday before Judge Julian W. Mack.



Roxie Stinson

Roxie Stinson, widow of Jesse Smith, aid to Daugherty, is expected to be the government's surprise witness when the hearings are resumed. She is said to know some interesting things about the alleged \$441,000 bribe given by Merton to John T. King, late Republican leader in Connecticut, and supposedly split by him with Daugherty and Miller.

Merton, a calm, mild-mannered Prussian with a florid face, took the stand to tell why he gave King \$441,000—\$391,000 in bonds and \$50,000 by check—during 1921 in consideration for the transfer of the \$7,000,000 German equity in the American Metal Company assets, seized by the government during the war, to the German-controlled Societe Suisse pour Valeurs de Metaux.

### Transfer Made Jointly

He said the transfer had been allowed jointly by Daugherty, then attorney general, and concurred in by Col. Miller, then alien property custodian.

The indictment against them alleges dishonest negligence on their part in the matter, and also participation in division of the \$391,000 bonds. The \$50,000 check is said to have been given to King to "speed things up."

Merton also told how Col. Miller brought personally from Washington almost \$6,500,000 in two checks, representing the bulk of the shift between the two concerns.

The checks were turned over to Merton, he said, at a champagne dinner party in the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, which he gave for Col. Miller and Smith, who was said to be a go-between in conjunction with King. Gold cigarette cases were "favors."

### Witness "Disinterested"

At this point the defense made a bid for the witness. United States Attorney Buckner was directing the examination with the utmost confidence.

It was said that the only reason Merton had offered to come to this country to testify was that he had been promised immunity from prosecution.

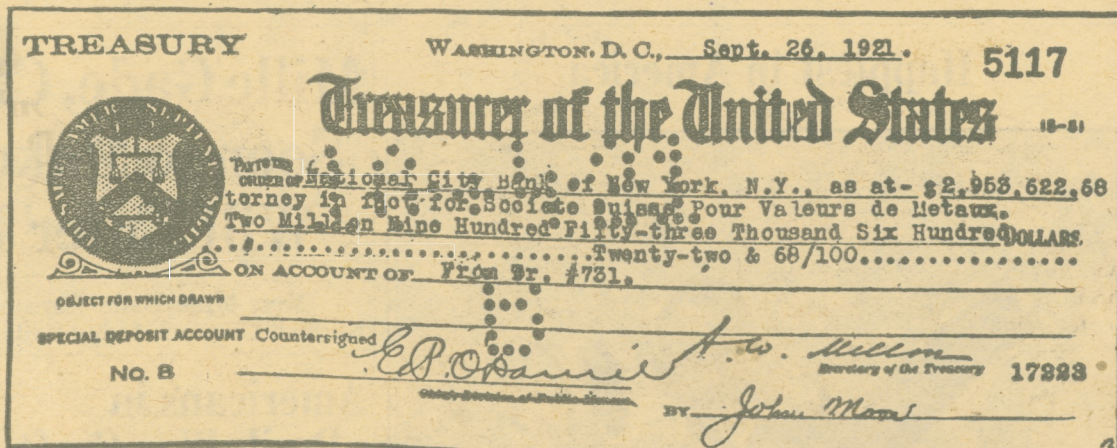
His admissions, however, were qualified. Instead of being a strong government witness, he was thought to be maintaining a detached attitude—that of a disinterested observer.

One of the statements Merton made was that Daugherty's office never questioned his claim, nor the transaction.

## ITALIAN CHURCH REVIVES ANCIENT ROYAL GREETING

PERUGIA, Sept. 11 (By U. P.).—The church authorities have decided to revive a ceremonial abandoned in 1870 in protest against the Italian occupation of Rome. Incense will be thrown, and on the occasion of King Victor's visit to St. Francis's basilica at Assisi next Sunday.

## Big Check Shown at Daugherty-Miller Trial



Here is one of the checks given to Richard Merton, German financier, by Col. Thomas W. Miller, when the latter was alien property custodian, in part payment in the now famous \$7,000,000 American Metals deal. The check is made payable to the National City Bank, New York, as attorney for the Societe Suisse pour Valeurs de Metaux.

## City Lights Removed From Hylan's Home After 9 Years

Two large electric lights on either side of the stoop of the house at 959 Bushwick Parkway, Brooklyn, formerly occupied by ex-Mayor John F. Hylan, were dark last night for the first time in almost nine years. The Edison Company had turned them off, since the house was no longer an ex-mayor's residence, but only an unoccupied home with a "For Sale" sign in the window.

Although he sold his home last spring, Mr. Hylan removed the last of his household goods from the house only a fortnight ago.

## Dry Agent Appears Against Man Who Saved His Life

An unusual drama was enacted before United States Commissioner Wilson in Brooklyn when Valentine Haas, a prohibition agent, appeared against the man, an alleged runner, who saved his life.

Haas and his fellow-officer, Arthur Schreyer, boarded the trawler Edward Westerbeke, laden with 500 cases of champagne, off Bay Shore, L. I., last Wednesday. Thomas Shea, 38, of 93 Hamilton Place, leaped overboard to make his escape. He capsized the agents' rowboat, spilling Haas, who cannot swim, into the water. The Federal officer cried for help, choking and struggling in the waves. Instead of making for the

land, 400 yards away, under cover of the darkness, Shea supported the drowning man until both were pulled back on the trawler.

"When the boat went over," Haas said, "I thought it was all up with me. But Shea saw me and saved me. It's what I call 'white'."

The two agents explained that their duty compelled them to make the charge of transporting liquor up with me. But Shea saw me filled with liquor. He was held in \$1,000 bail for hearing September 30.

### ATHENS QUIET

ATHENS, Sept. 11 (By U. P.).—Athens is quiet, with large detachments of government troops patrolling the streets, following the revolution Thursday of Republican guards.

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## France Is Polite To Ancient Foe, In League Family

GENEVA, Sept. 11.—Now that Germany is seated in the League of Nations, France, through her spokesman, Aristide Briand, is saying pleasant things to her ancient enemy.

"We shall try to be as heroic in peace as we have been heroic in war," is, indeed, a mutual chorus today.

The speech of Dr. Gustave Stresemann, Germany's representative, is regarded as putting emphasis on the Fatherland's desire to enter into the peaceful spirit of the League.



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